

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

The disclosed order fulfillment method includes the steps of placing an order for an item by specifying the item, location for picking up the item, expected time of item pick up, and an account number; relaying the order to a validating processor; identifying an AVI transponder with the account number provided by a customer; and authorizing the AVI transponder to pay for the order. The method further comprises including the order in a list of orders sorted according to the expected pick up time and the item preparation time; displaying the list of orders to personnel preparing the order; reading information from the AVI transponder when the transponder arrives at the pick up location; identifying items prepared that correspond to the transponder; and delivering the prepared items to the customer.